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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, USIB

SUBJECT: Secretariat Summary of USIB Agenda for 19 February 1970

Item 1 Watch Report

Draft by the Watch Committee to be circulated for USIB approval;  
Sponsor - General Cushman

Item 2 SNIE on Soviet Attitudes Toward SALT

BNE draft coordinated with USIB Representatives for USIB approval;  
Sponsor - Mr. Smith

Dr. Kissinger requested this SNIE by 20 February as a contribution to preparations for the next round of SALT. The Navy, Air Force, and NSA reservations to paragraph 9 reflect underlying old issues which usually appear in military estimates, especially in the 11-8 series. They relate specifically to the third sentence: "We do think it likely, however, that the Soviet leaders have decided that it is not technically or economically feasible for them to attain in the foreseeable future superiority of a clear and decisive nature." BNE says that the objection seems in part to be to the statement itself, and in part to the failure to say something more -- that the Soviets want and may be striving for some measure of superiority. BNE's objective in introducing the subject was not to discuss Soviet strategic policy per se, but to set forth one of the considerations which might make the Soviets see value in stabilizing the present situation. Since Dr. Kissinger specifically requested a discussion of how the Soviets viewed the strategic relationship, BNE believes it would be difficult to avoid making a statement something like the one in this text. [ ] thinks it best not to try to resolve this partly semantic issue in this paper, but simply to record the standard positions.

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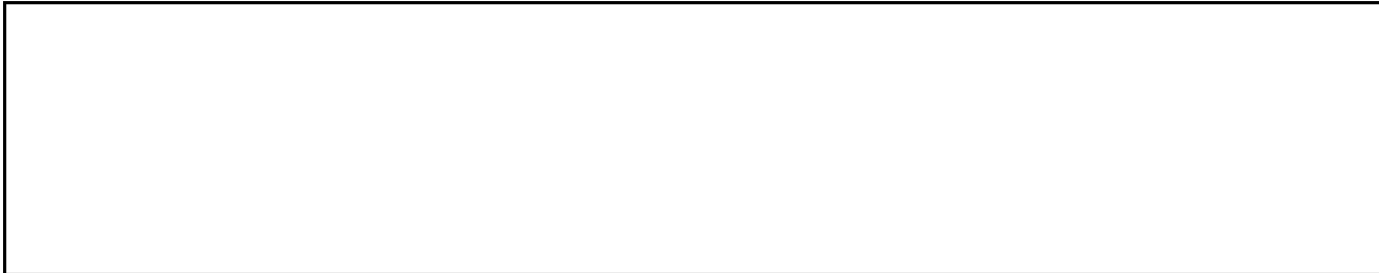
BNE indicates that there is a good chance that the Navy reservation to para. 29 will be dropped before the Board meeting. The Navy objection stems from its reading, with which no other Representatives agree, of certain ambiguous statements made by the Soviets at Helsinki regarding the combinations of force elements to be limited.

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Mr. Roosevelt's briefing memorandum for you states that the basic purpose of this paper is to "shake up members of the intelligence community who send students for a free ride at [redacted] and persuade them to support [redacted] with cash or bodies." His memorandum also reports on the additional support he hopes will be forthcoming from NSA, State, and DIA, some of which may be confirmed by the Members at the Board meeting.

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